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1. DON MILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF USOC, INFORMS CONGEN THAT KILLANIN LATE EVENING PRESS CONFERENCE BEGAN WITH STATEMENT THAT THE GOVT. OF CANADA HAD MODIFIED ITS POSITION RE PARTICIPATION BY TAIWAN ATHLETES TO EXTENT OF PERMITTING USE OF FLAG AND ANTHEM IF THEY DID NOT USE THE WORD "CHINA" IN THEIR IDENTIFICATION (E.G., THE PLACARD CARRIES BEFORE THE TEAM AT OPENING CEREMONY). HE SAID NEGOTIATIONS WITH TAIWAN OFFICIALS CONTINUING RE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS COMPROMISE.

2. PHIL KRUMM, PRES. OF USOC, THEN MADE STATEMENT THAT, SINCE IOC PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN PRESERVED, US HAD DICED NOT TO WITHDRAW.

3. MILLER THEN WAXED ELOQUENT ON TRAGIC FOLLOWING SCENARIO AS HE VIEWS IT: DESPITE DAY-LONG NEGOTIATIONS WITH TAIWAN REPS HERE, THEY ARE ADAMANT ABOUT REJECTING THIS PROPOSITION.
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HE FEELS THAT, AS RESULT, THEY WILL SAY SO OFFICIALLY TOMORROW,

WITHDRAW (OR SAY THEY WERE FORCED OUT), AND -- WITHOUT QUESTION IN HIS MIND -- WHEN QUESTION OF PRC MEMBERSHIP COMES UP AT TOMORROW'S IOC MEETING, THE ROC WILL BE EXPelled FROM IOC MEMBERSHIP AND THE PRC ELECTED THERETO BECAUSE THE ROC WILL HAVE LOST ALL THE SYMPATHY THEY HAVE ENGENDERED DURING THE PLAY OF THIS ISSUE.

4. HE FURTHER FEELS THAT IF THEY COULD BE PERSUADED TO COME FORTH WITH A WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE, NOW THAT THE GOC HAS, THEY WOULD RETAIN THAT SYMPATHY, MAYBE BUILD EVEN MORE, AND STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF RETAINING IOC MEMBERSHIP.

5. MOST IMPORTANT, HE FEELS CERTAIN THAT THEY ARE NOT OPERATING AS INDEPENDENT NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE BUT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM TAIPEI, AND PLAINTIVELY EXPRESSED WISH SOMEONE COULD GET ACROSS TO PRESIDENT OF ROC WHAT A MISTAKE THIS IS SO THAT THEY WOULD GET NEW INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THE DAMAGE IS DONE.

6. GOC COMPROMISE EXPRESSED BY KILLANIN (ACCORDING TO MILLER) AS "ALL ATHLETES NOW IN NORTH AMERICA." THIS WOULD MEAN ADMITTING ALL THOSE NOW IN US BUT WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT INCLUDE ANY WHO MAY NOT YET HAVE LEFT TAIWAN.

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